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Amendments to the Claims

1-8. (canceled)

9. (original) A sheet media feed mechanism, comprising:  
a chassis;

a motor mounted to the chassis;

a rotatable shaft operatively coupled to the motor;

a roller affixed to the shaft;

an idler disposed opposite the roller, the idler and the roller engagable with one another to form a nip therebetween;

bearings mounted to the chassis and supporting the shaft, each bearing having a cylindrical inner bearing surface; and

the shaft having a spherical journal surface inside and rotatable against each bearing surface.

10. (original) The mechanism of Claim 9, wherein each bearing includes a bushing defining the bearing surface and a body holding the bushing.

11. (original) The mechanism of Claim 10, wherein each bushing is pressed or over-molded into the body of the bearing.

12. (original) The mechanism of Claim 11, further comprising a part mounting each of the bearings to the chassis.

13. (original) The mechanism of Claim 11, further comprising a part mounting each of the bearings to the chassis and the body of each bearing is integral with the mounting part.

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14. (original) A printer, comprising:  
a chassis;  
a print engine;  
a feed mechanism operative to move media sheets along a media path  
through the print engine;  
a printer controller configured to control the operation of the print engine and  
the feed mechanism; and  
the feed mechanism including  
a motor mounted to the chassis,  
a rotatable shaft operatively coupled to the motor,  
a roller affixed to the shaft,  
an idler disposed opposite the roller, the idler and the roller engagable  
with one another to form a nip therebetween,  
bearings mounted to the chassis and supporting the shaft, each  
bearing having a cylindrical inner bearing surface, and  
the shaft having a spherical journal surface inside and rotatable against  
each bearing surface.

15-16. (canceled)